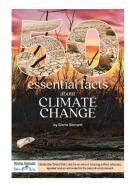
# **Teacher's Resource**



# **'50 Essential Facts about Climate Change'**

# Ideas for how to use this book in your classroom (Ages 13-18)

## 1. Fact Presentations

- Activity: Divide students into groups, assigning each a specific fact from the book. Have them create a presentation or infographic that explains their fact and its implications.
- Goal: Enhance understanding and public speaking skills.

#### 2. Debate

- **Activity**: Organize a debate around a controversial climate change topic (e.g., renewable energy vs. fossil fuels). Use facts from the book to support arguments.
- Goal: Develop critical thinking and argumentation skills.

### 3. Creative Writing

- **Activity**: Ask students to write a short story or poem from the perspective of someone affected by climate change, using facts from the book to inform their narrative.
- Goal: Foster empathy and creativity.

# 4. Art Projects

- **Activity**: Encourage students to create posters or visual art that represent key facts about climate change. Display them around the school.
- Goal: Raise awareness and engage visually-oriented learners.

### **5. Climate Action Plans**

- **Activity**: Have students develop personal or community action plans to combat climate change. They should incorporate facts from the book to justify their proposals.
- Goal: Empower students to take initiative and feel responsible.

#### 6. Science Experiments

- **Activity**: Conduct simple experiments that demonstrate climate change effects, like measuring CO2 levels or simulating the greenhouse effect.
- Goal: Provide hands-on learning experiences.

## 7. Guest Speakers

- Activity: Invite local climate experts or activists to speak to the class about their work and the importance of climate action.
- Goal: Connect students with real-world applications and inspire action.

## 8. Documentary Screening

- **Activity**: Screen documentaries related to climate change and facilitate discussions afterward. Use book facts to frame discussions.
- Goal: Enhance understanding through visual storytelling.

#### 9. Social Media Campaign

- Activity: Have students create a social media campaign promoting awareness of climate change, using facts from the book.
- Goal: Teach digital literacy and outreach.

# 10. Role-Playing

- **Activity**: Assign roles (scientists, policymakers, activists) and have students role-play a climate summit, discussing solutions using book facts.
- Goal: Encourage collaboration and understanding of multiple perspectives.

These activities can help students engage with the material while developing a deeper understanding of climate change and its impact.

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#### 1. "Before the Flood"

- Overview: Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, this documentary explores the effects of climate change and the urgent actions needed to combat it.
- **Key Themes**: Environmental impact, renewable energy, activism.

## 2. "Chasing Ice"

- Overview: Follows photographer James Balog as he captures the melting of glaciers, providing visual evidence of climate change.
- **Key Themes**: Visual storytelling, climate science, urgency of action.

#### 3. "Our Planet"

- Overview: A stunning nature documentary series narrated by David Attenborough, highlighting the beauty of the natural world and the threats it faces from climate change.
- **Key Themes**: Biodiversity, conservation, human impact.

#### 4. "The True Cost"

- Overview: While focused on the fashion industry, this documentary examines environmental degradation and labor issues related to fast fashion.
- **Key Themes**: Consumerism, sustainability, ethical choices.

#### 5. "Years of Living Dangerously"

- Overview: A multi-part series featuring celebrity correspondents tackling climate change issues and solutions around the world.
- **Key Themes**: Activism, policy, global perspectives.

## 6. "This Changes Everything"

- Overview: Based on Naomi Klein's book, this documentary discusses the connection between capitalism and climate change.
- **Key Themes**: Economic systems, activism, social justice.

#### 7. "Planet Earth II"

- **Overview**: A follow-up to the acclaimed series, showcasing the beauty of nature while highlighting the environmental challenges it faces.
- **Key Themes**: Biodiversity, conservation, habitat loss.

# 8. "Ice on Fire"

- Overview: Narrated by Leonardo DiCaprio, this documentary explores innovative solutions to climate change and the urgency of action.
- **Key Themes**: Solutions, technology, hope.

# 9. "The 11th Hour"

- **Overview**: Explores the state of the environment and features insights from experts on the impact of human activities on the planet.
- **Key Themes**: Urgency, environmental science, collective action.

#### 10. "Kiss the Ground"

- Overview: Focuses on regenerative agriculture as a solution to climate change, highlighting how soil health can restore the planet.
- **Key Themes**: Agriculture, sustainability, solutions.

# **Documentaries**

Here are some documentaries from the list that may be available for free or through streaming services with free trial options:



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## 1. "Before the Flood"

• Availability: Often available for free on platforms like Hulu (USA) or through educational streaming services.

# 2. "Chasing Ice"

• Availability: Sometimes available for free on platforms like Amazon Prime Video with a trial, or through educational screenings.

## 3. "Our Planet"

• Availability: Available on Netflix, which offers a free trial for new users.

# 4. "Years of Living Dangerously"

• Availability: Check platforms like Hulu (USA) or Amazon for potential free streaming options.

# 5. "Kiss the Ground"

• Availability: Occasionally available for free on platforms like Netflix or through special events.

## **General Resources**

- **YouTube**: Some documentaries may be uploaded legally on YouTube, so it's worth checking there.
- **Public Libraries**: Many libraries offer free access to documentaries

Always confirm availability, as it can change frequently!